

CLAIMS

1. A system connecting an image information acquiring means to a data network for transmitting image information acquired as a digital image file in an image information acquiring operation by said image information acquiring means, to said data network, comprising
- an input device for input of meta information regarding a selected image, which comprises image information acquirable by said image information acquiring means, means for connecting said meta information regarding said selected image to the digital image file in connection with an image information acquiring operation whereby said image information acquiring means acquires the image information of said selected image,
- and means for transmitting said meta information regarding said selected image and the digital image file to said data network.
2. The system according to claim 1, wherein the image information acquiring means comprises a scanning device.
3. The system according to claim 1 or 2, further comprising means for requesting the input of said meta information responsive to a selected image.
4. The system according to claim 3, further comprising means utilising a control file for dynamic control of the requesting of the meta information.
5. The system according to claim 4, wherein the means utilising a control file for dynamic control in response to an inputted destination for the digital image file is arranged to request meta information in accordance with requirements of said inputted destination.
6. The system according to any one of claims 1 to 5, further comprising means for controlling the format of the meta information transmitted to the data network.
7. The system according to any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein the input device is a keyboard.
8. The system according to any one of claims 3 to 5, further comprising means for displaying requests.

9. A method for providing image information with meta information, which image information is acquirable as a digital image file from a selected image by an image information acquiring means, comprising the steps of, in connection with an image information acquiring operation,
- 5 requesting meta information regarding the selected image,
inputting, in response to the request, the meta information by means of an input device,
connecting said meta information regarding said selected image to the digital image file, and
- 10 transmitting said meta information regarding said selected image and said image information acquired as a digital image file, to said data network.
10. The method according to claim 9, wherein the image information is acquired by means of a scanning device.
11. The method according to claim 9 or 10, further comprising the step of utilising a control file for dynamic control of the requesting of the meta information.
12. The method according to claims 11, wherein the control file is editable by an administrator.
13. The method according to any one of claims 9 to 12, further comprising the step of controlling the format of the meta information transmitted to the data network.
14. The method according to any one of claims 9 to 13, further comprising the step of validating the inputted information.